

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) An image-information display device, comprising:

attribute obtaining means for obtaining, with respect to image data identified with predetermined image data units and an image data unit group including the image data units, attributes of image information for the image data from image information data in which the image information is recorded on a storage medium for each image data unit;

condition inputting means for prompting input of a search condition regarding an attribute of the image information and receiving the input;

condition searching means for searching the attributes of the image information in accordance with the input search condition;

representative-image obtaining means for obtaining representative images of the image data for the respective image data units from the image information data in accordance with a result of the searching performed by the condition searching means; and

displaying means for displaying a list of the obtained representative images for the respective image data units.

8-14. (Canceled)

15. (New) An image-information display device comprising:

an attribute-information section configured to obtain an attribute file, said attribute file having attributes for content recorded on a storage medium;

a condition-searching section configured to select at least one attribute slot from said attribute file, a search condition being used to select said least one attribute slot;

an image-selecting section configured to select a thumbnail from a plurality of thumbnails, said thumbnail being linked to said least one attribute slot;

an image-reproducing section configured to reproduce image data from said storage medium, a portion of said content identified by said least one attribute slot being said image data.

16. (New) The image-information display device according to claim 15, further comprising:

an index-displaying section configured to display said plurality of thumbnails.

17. (New) The image-information display device according to claim 15, further comprising:

a link-information extracting section configured to obtain link information from said one of the attribute slots, said link information linking said thumbnail with said image data.

18. (New) The image-information display device according to claim 15, wherein said attributes catalog said content.

19. (New) The image-information display device according to claim 15, wherein said search condition is input from a condition-inputting section.

20. (New) The image-information display device according to claim 15, wherein said thumbnail is a representative image for said image data.

21. (New) The image-information display device according to claim 15, wherein text information is displayable along with said thumbnail.

22. (New) An image-information displaying method comprising the steps of:

- obtaining an attribute file, said attribute file having attributes for content recorded on a storage medium;
- selecting at least one attribute slot from said attribute file, a search condition being used to select said least one attribute slot;
- selecting a thumbnail from a plurality of thumbnails, said thumbnail being linked to said least one attribute slot;

reproducing image data from said storage medium, a portion of said content identified by said least one attribute slot being said image data.

23. (New) The image-information displaying method according to claim 22, further comprising:

displaying text information along with said thumbnail.

24. (New) The image-information displaying method according to claim 22, further comprising:

extracting link information from said one of the attribute slots, said link information linking said thumbnail with said image data.

25. (New) A computer program embodied in a tangible non-transitory computer readable medium, the computer program being configured to perform the method of claim 22.

26. (New) An image-information recording device comprising:

an image-information obtaining section configured to obtain image information data from a storage medium, said image information data including an image-information file group and a management file;

an image-information storing section configured to store said image information data within image information memory, said image information data stored in said image information memory being obtained image information data;

an image-information recording section configured to record said obtained image information data, said obtained image information data being recorded onto said storage medium upon closure of a title.

27. (New) The image-information recording device according to claim 26, wherein image data is recorded onto said storage medium.

28. (New) The image-information recording device according to claim 27, wherein an image data unit of said image data is represented by a thumbnail, said thumbnail being an I picture in a front-end VOB.

29. (New) The image-information recording device according to claim 27, wherein said image data is identifiable by a recording position on said storage medium, said recording position being said title of the image data and a chapter in the title.

30. (New) The image-information recording device according to claim 27, wherein said image-information file group includes an attribute file, a thumbnail file, and a text file.

31. (New) The image-information display device according to claim 30, wherein said management file includes a starting address and a size for said attribute file, said thumbnail file, and said text file.

32. (New) The image-information recording device according to claim 26, further comprising:

a medium-type determining section configured to determine a memory type of said storage medium, recording systems for recording said image information being switchable upon a determination of said memory type.

33. (New) The image-information recording device according to claim 32, wherein said memory type is determined upon said closure of the title.

34. (New) The image-information recording device according to claim 32, wherein a reflectance of said storage medium is measured, said reflectance being used to determine said memory type.

35. (New) An image-information recording method comprising the steps of:

obtaining image information data from a storage medium, said image information data including an image-information file group and a management file;

storing said image information data within image information memory, said image information data stored in said image information memory being obtained image information data;

recording said obtained image information data, said obtained image information data being recorded onto said storage medium upon closure of a title.

36. (New) The image-information recording method according to claim 35, further comprising:

recording image data onto said storage medium.

37. (New) The image-information recording method according to claim 36, further comprising:

identifying said image data by a recording position on said storage medium, said recording position being said title of the image data and a chapter in the title.

38. (New) The image-information recording method according to claim 35, further comprising:

determining a memory type of said storage medium, recording systems for recording said image information being switchable upon a determination of said memory type.

39. (New) The image-information recording method according to claim 38, wherein said memory type is determined upon said closure of the title.

40. (New) The image-information recording method according to claim 38, further comprising:

measuring a reflectance of said storage medium, said reflectance being used to determine said memory type.

41. (New) A computer program embodied in a tangible non-transitory computer readable medium, the computer program being configured to perform the method of claim 35.